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: FORM OF A BUTTON CELL



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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

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In the Claims (Marked-Up Version)

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1. (Twice Amended) A gastight-sealed alkaline nickel/metal hydride button cell storage battery comprising positive and negative electrodes arranged in a button cell case and separated by a separator, wherein both electrodes have a support and conductor framework, which includes a porous metal foam or metal felt, and wherein the positive electrode contains active material, but on a side bearing against the cell case, has a metallic region which is free of active material, and extends over about 5 to about 15%, of the total thickness of the positive electrode.

Kindly cancel Claim 2 without prejudice and without disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.